

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
In the Matter of Geraldine Mills, M.D.
License # MD7341

Summary Suspension

This matter came to the attention of the Rhode Island Department of Health, Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, by way of complaints from parents of pediatric patients who were experiencing a myriad of difficulties with the Respondent physician.

These difficulties included highly unusual behavior involved in the transfer of medical records. The complaining parents also alleged bizarre comments regarding the children's diagnoses were made by the Respondent. Board staff attempted to intervene, at the request of the complainants; in order to get their children's medical records transferred to another pediatrician. These attempts were initially unavailing. When some of the records were ultimately reviewed by the Board, they were written over with inappropriate comments about the parents.

The first set of complainants appeared before the Board in September 1998. Following this meeting, the Respondent was ordered to undergo a physical/psychiatric examination pursuant to authority vested in the Board by virtue of R.I.G.L. 5-37-1.3(10).

After some delay, the Respondent appeared before the Board again in February 1999 to plead her case. During this appearance, the Respondent informed that Board that her medical records were kept "out-of-state" because they were "toxic". She told the Board that she didn't own a copy machine and transcribed records by hand.

The Respondent also informed the Board that her previous office buildings were "toxic" and therefore she was conducting examinations and giving injections on the outside lawn of her building and conducting "house calls." The Respondent was ordered again to undergo the evaluation. The Board made repeated efforts throughout the ensuing months to facilitate the evaluation. In September 1999, the Board received a letter from other parents of pediatric patients who alleged other, more ominous, difficulties with the Respondent. During this phase of the investigation, the Board obtained copies of the Respondent's application for credentials at an area medical center where she once sought privileges. The application request for privileges was withdrawn after it was learned that the Respondent made false and misleading claims on the application. Once again, the Board asked the Respondent and her counsel to appear before it. Again, the Respondent was ordered to obtain the required physical/psychiatric evaluation. At that meeting, the Respondent agreed to sign an "Interim Agreement" with the Board in which she would discontinue seeing patients while she sought an evaluation and the Board considered its outcome. The Board and the Respondent agreed on a local physician/evaluator. The Respondent then refused to sign the "Interim Agreement" as required and faxed to the Board a revised proffer. The Respondent cancelled two appointments with the agreed upon physician/evaluator and dismissed her legal counsel.

The Board learned next that an anonymous call was made to the place of employment of the father who had been a complainant in the most recent case, that was determined to be "harassment". An affidavit provided to the Board by the father indicates that the caller had revealed intimate knowledge of the childrens' medical histories including recent events and those dating back 19 years.

ORDER

After considering the recommendations of the Investigating Committee along with affidavits of the complaining parents and the childrens' medical records, I find that the continuation in the practice of medicine of Geraldine Mills, M.D. would constitute an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, license number MD 7341 issued to Geraldine Mills, M.D. is hereby suspended until further Order of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. The Respondent is entitled to a hearing, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 5-37-8, within 10 days of the effective date below.

Patricia A. Nolan, MD, MPH
Patrician A. Nolan, M.D.
Director of Health

October 19, 1999
Date

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of this ORDER was sent via Certified Mail to Geraldine Mills, M.D., 191 Squantum Drive, Warwick, RI 02888 on this 20th day of October 1999.

Sharon Beech